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June 26, 2008

*Ed Jensen*

Subject: FILE NUMBER 80-1138

FOIPA No. 1104833- 000

Dear Mr. Lazar:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

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6 page(s) were reviewed and 6 page(s) are being released.

- ☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:
- ☐ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
  - ☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

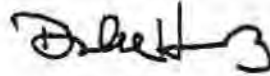
☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s).

If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

The enclosed documents were processed in response to your FOIA request to the Atlanta (AT) field office, and were contained in AT file 80-1138.



Edwin "Ed" Friend  
4888 Jett Road, N. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30327



Sept. 18, 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of the FBI  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On 7 August 1967, I made a trip to Rhein Main AFB, Germany with the Georgia Air National Guard photographing pilot training and reporting on events of the mission for our PIO section.

While there I made a side trip to Stockholm, Sweden to visit a   
 I had met previously in Frankfurt. Knowing of my interest in politics, he told me he could make me President of the U. S. I assure you this man and his friends are no crack-pots. If you want more details please notify me and I will catch our next Guard plane that way.

Sincerely,

*Ed Friend*  
Ed Friend

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Date: 9/25/67

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

To: SAC, Atlanta

✓ From: Director, FBI

EDWIN "ED" FRIEND  
ATLANTA, GEORGIARESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)  
BUDED 10/2/67

Enclosed you will find:

- ☒ Two copies of self-explanatory communication from captioned individual.
- ☐ One copy of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.
- ☐ One copy of the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin.
- ☐ Other:

Take following action:

- ☐ Make discreet inquiries of established sources to determine reputation of captioned individual and/or organization. Under no circumstances should correspondent become aware of our interest.
- ☒ Have correspondent interviewed to determine whether correspondent has any information of interest to Bureau, unless data in your files precludes.
- ☐ Have substance of enclosed communication made available to appropriate local law enforcement officials. Retain copies of this communication in your possession at all times.
- ☐ Acknowledge enclosed communication by mailing enclosed Bureau publication or publications to correspondent to address indicated, following your determination of status in law enforcement. If correspondent is not type of person to whom we want to furnish this material, or does not have legitimate interest in law enforcement matters, correspondent should be contacted and informed that our budgetary limitations restrict its distribution and request cannot be granted. Advise Bureau of action taken, together with recommendation as to whether correspondent's name should be added to our mailing list.
- ☒ Submit results under above caption to reach Bureau no later than 10/2/67.
- ☐ Submit results and recommendations as to whether or not Bureau should comply with request, under above caption, to reach Bureau no later than

☒ Other: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (80-1138) (C)  
SUBJECT: CHANGED  
EDWIN HUGO FRIEND  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA  
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)  
BUDED 10/2/67

The title of this correspondence is marked changed to reflect the complete name of correspondent with the Bureau, who is identified in Atlanta files.

Re Buairtel, 7/25/67.

By referenced Buairtel interview of FRIEND was requested unless data precludes such interview.

FRIEND was not interviewed in view of his reported close association with CALVIN F. CRAIG, Grand Dragon, Realm of Ga., UKA, and with ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA.

The files of the Atlanta Office reflect that in 1941 FRIEND was interviewed for position of photographer with the Bureau. He was not offered this position as he was unwilling to travel to Washington for acceptance of such a position.

In May of 1962, [redacted] reported that on 5/7/62 CALVIN F. CRAIG, ROBERT SHELTON, and [redacted] all of whom are Klansmen; SHELTON the Imperial Wizard, and CRAIG identified as the Grand Dragon, Realm of Ga., proceeded to the Ga. State Capitol where they contacted a photographer named ED FRIEND.

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Post Office Box 1683  
Atlanta, Georgia 30301  
March 8, 1971

  
Mr. Ed Friend  
Chief of Police  
Albany, Georgia

Dear Ed:

Enjoyed seeing you today and pursuant to your request I am enclosing "Application to Nominate Representative to Attend the National Academy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C." and "Personal History Record of Officer Nominated to Attend FBI National Academy".

If you would have these completed and return them to me they will be afforded appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

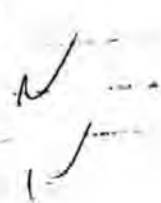
FRANK V. HITT  
Special Agent in Charge

1 Addressee

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FRIEND then took CRAIG, SHELTON, and [ ] into Attorney General EUGENE COOK's Office at the State Capitol. The conversation that ensued related to coming elections, the County Unit System, and school segregation.

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In October, 1957, ED FRIEND was described as an undercover agent for the GBI, and in this capacity had covered an assignment at Monteagle, Tenn., Labor Day, 1957. FRIEND was reported by officials of the GBI as missing, and they suspected foul play having befallen him. FRIEND was later located in Cincinnati, Ohio, and subsequently testified before the Ga. Education Commission 10/4/57 regarding inter-racial meetings held at the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn., and also the attendance of certain CP functionaries at this conference.

In March of 1960, [ ] reported that ED FRIEND was in touch with CALVIN F. CRAIG and asked to borrow a Klan robe from him so that the daughter of the Attorney General, EUGENE COOK, who was then in attendance at a school in Connecticut, could use the Klan robe in conjunction with some school activity.

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[ ] reported in April, 1960, that according to CALVIN CRAIG, ED FRIEND would appear in a park in front of his laundry about noon to take some pictures of Negro children going to a Catholic school near the park and who were playing with white children.

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In April of 1960, [ ] reported further that FRIEND had made the pictures requested by CRAIG of the inter-racial children playing together. CRAIG reported that these photos taken by FRIEND were in the possession of the Governor of the State of Ga.; and the Governor, while he wanted this inter-racial activity reported, did not release the pictures to the Klan, as he did not want the photographer "State" identified as the individual having taken these pictures.

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In Sept., 1960, the Klan proposed a rally at Stone Mountain, Ga., for 9/24/60; and during the planning

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stages, CALVIN F. CRAIG indicated he would have ED FRIEND take pictures at this function.

In view of the above cited close association on the part of FRIEND with the Ku Klux Klan, CALVIN F. CRAIG, and ROBERT SHELTON, leaders in the Klan, it is considered inadvisable to interview ED FRIEND, as if the opportunity presents itself, he will capitalize on any contacts had with the FBI.